



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

(RCW 34.05.310)

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Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Department of Ecology A.O. #02-12

**Subject of possible rule making:** Amendments to the Department of Ecology's State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) rules, WAC 197-11, providing that proposed actions statutorily exempt from SEPA review under RCW 43.21C are not subject to the provisions of WAC 197-11-305.

**(a) Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 43.21C.110.

**(b) Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The proposed amendments are necessary to make the Department of Ecology's SEPA rules consistent with legislation set forth in RCW 43.21C exempting specific proposed actions from SEPA review.

**(c) Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** State agencies must comply with Ecology's SEPA rules as required by WAC 197-11. Ecology will provide state agencies with a copy of this notice and inform them of any rules proposed or final rules adopted by Ecology amending WAC 197-11.

**(d) Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Negotiated rule making  
☐ Pilot rule making  
☐ Agency study  
☒ Other (describe) Department of Ecology staff will draft proposed amendments to Ecology's SEPA rules.

**(e) How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

The Department of Ecology invites the public to review and provide input on the draft proposed amendments to Ecology's SEPA rules. A copy of the proposed amendments can be obtained by contacting Barbara Ritchie, Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47703, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600, 360/407-6922; Fax 407-6904, e-mail [sepaunit@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sepaunit@ecy.wa.gov).

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